

Your Landscape Levy at work 2025/26

SA Arid Lands region

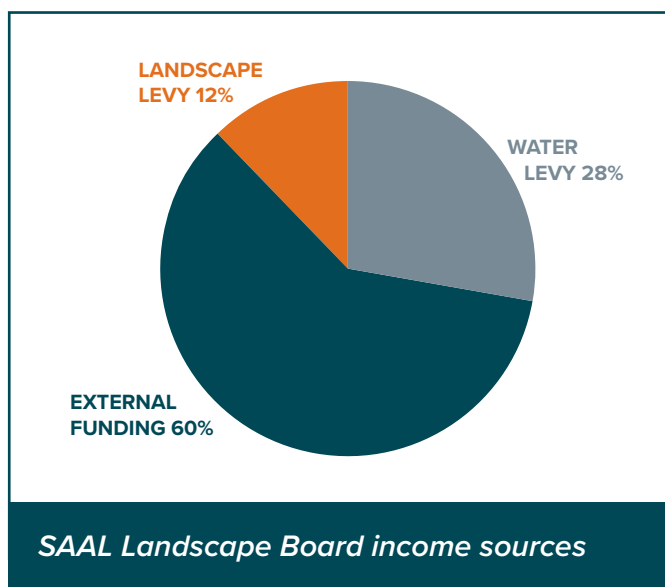
YOUR LANDSCAPE LEVY

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) oversees the management of a landscape covering more than half of South Australia – an area greater than 500,000 square kilometres.

Landscape levies enable the board to deliver programs across the region. The board also seeks additional funding from government and industry to deliver on-ground work that benefits local communities.

The board manages the region's natural resources with a focus on five key priorities: Climate Resilient Region, People and Partnerships, Water Management, Adaptive Land Management and Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity.

In 2025/26, the board's combined funding, which include levies, contributed to pest plant and animal control, protecting threatened species, managing water resources and working with landholders on a variety of projects. A sample of these activities are highlighted in this brochure.



CLIMATE RESILIENT REGION

Resilient landscapes, communities and enterprises are mitigating and adapting to climate change

- Delivered carbon workshops in Olary, Oodnadatta, and Quorn
- Presented a Landscape Rehydration workshop with Mulloon Institute at Hiltaba in the Gawler Ranges
- Offered a Landscape Rehydration webinar following workshop
- Delivered two carbon webinars



The Landscape Rehydration workshop delivered by Mulloon Institute at Hiltaba included classroom theory, mapping exercises and landscape water cycle demonstrations.

Landholders gained increased awareness of the importance of trialling and adopting drought resilient land management practices. They also had a better understanding of reading landscapes and rangeland rehydration principles and the connection between plants, water, biology and soil. A key takeaway was identifying the symptoms and causes of erosion.



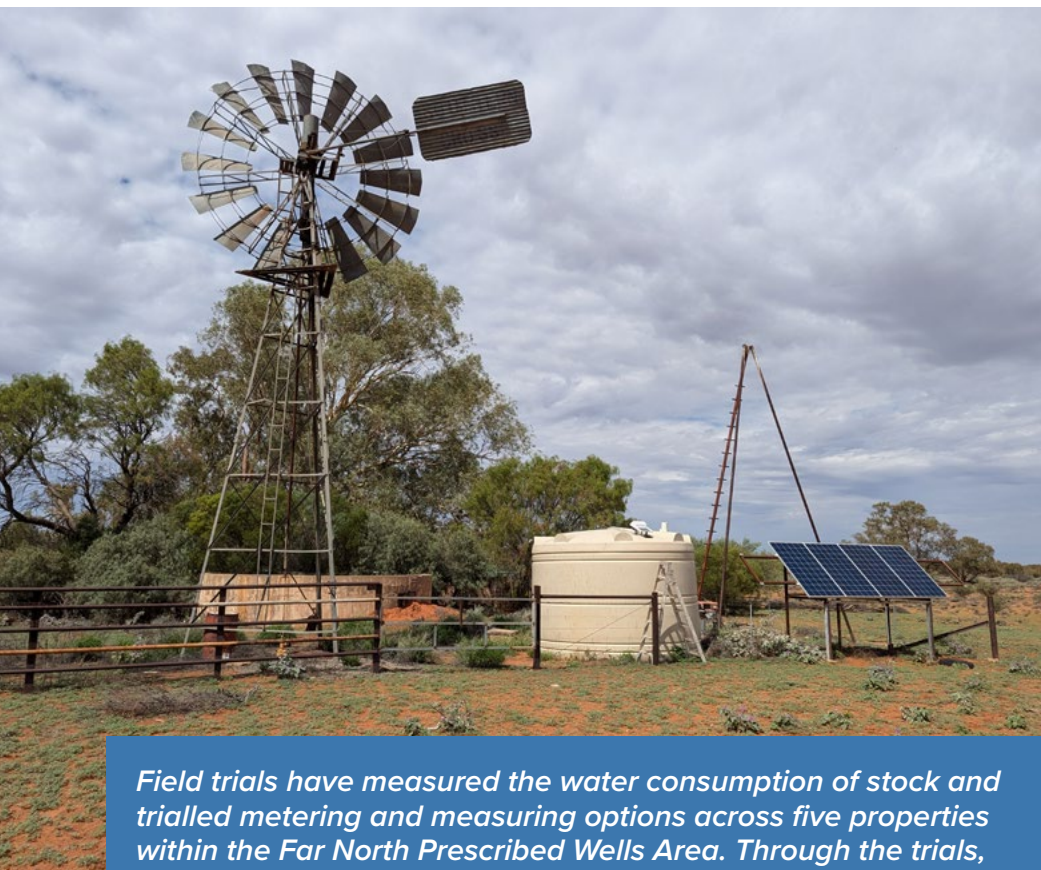
PEOPLE AND PARTNERSHIPS

People and communities are central to looking after our landscapes

- Delivered snake and venomous animal awareness training in the Kingoonya and North Flinders districts
- Held a regional SAAL board meeting in Andamooka
- The Growing Native Gardens initiative offered funds for community groups in the Port Augusta-Quorn and Kingoonya districts
- Supported 21 Grassroots Grants projects worth more than \$160,000
- Supported Animals Anonymous visits to Port Augusta, Hawker and Marree
- Twenty-Landscape group meetings were held. Community Landscape Officers supported groups to host community activities and events, plan for future projects, connect with SAAL Landscape programs and work with communities, land managers and stakeholders around landscape management issues and concerns, including pest and weed control



The board's Aboriginal Engagement Network met four times during the year and was involved in the third SAAL Indigenous Ranger Gathering at Finnis Springs, on Arabana Country. The gathering brought together ranger teams from Arabana, Kokatha, Nantawarrina, Kanku-Breakways, Mt Willoughby, Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Cororiation and Far West Coast. Rangers shared knowledge with established teams and supported new teams and new rangers, providing an opportunity for networking, sharing of ideas, informal training and building pride and recognition in the collective work of rangers.



Field trials have measured the water consumption of stock and trialled metering and measuring options across five properties within the Far North Prescribed Wells Area. Through the trials, proposed accounting methods were evaluated for reliability, practicality, cost and accuracy. Emphasis was placed on methods that provided land management benefits, such as improved understanding of stock water requirements and water point management and security.



WATER MANAGEMENT

The region's water resources are managed judiciously

- Revised the Water Affecting Activities Control Policy
- Supported Friends of Mound Springs annual monitoring survey
- Administered five field trials for the Accounting for Groundwater take in the Far North Prescribed Wells Area project
- Worked with Dieri and Arabana elders on the protection of Springs in the Far North Prescribed Wells Area
- Continued to develop and refine the GAB Springs ecological assessment protocol with First Nations, Departmental staff and stakeholders
- Supported the development of a monitoring program through workshops held with First Nations Groups



ADAPTIVE LAND MANAGEMENT

Land management practices protect soil, vegetation and biodiversity

- Held a Trapping Workshop in the North East Pastoral
- Delivered cactus control and native plant workshops in the Kingoonya district
- Selected four North Flinders properties for Planning on Property Projects. Improving Land Management Grants were provided to Wintinna, Pine Grove, Holowiliena and Umberatana Stations.
- Provided wild dog management support that included 43 bait injection services to distribute 27,858 injected baits and 47,550 subsidised manufactured baits to 165 properties
- Monitored areas of the North Flinders, Marree-Innaminka and North East Pastoral districts for feral pig incursions
- Undertook goat control in the Gawler Ranges, Flinders Ranges and North East Pastoral districts through aerial-supported mustering, undersized goat program, control programs and assistance. This resulted in the removal of 15,405 feral goats from the landscape



Vegetation Assessment Workshops were held at Thurlga and Olary for landholders in the Gawler Ranges and North East Pastoral districts. They were designed to increase knowledge of assessing the grazing impact of herbivores, particularly goats, kangaroos, rabbits, and livestock.

Participants undertook field-based vegetation assessment surveys, identified browse line monitoring and learnt how to identify different native plant species.



Board staff joined with the SA Seed Centre, National Parks and volunteers from Nature Foundation on a search for the Desert Greenhood orchid in the Gawler Ranges. The partnership is working to identify rosettes, which are difficult to differentiate from other more common varieties, and educate staff and volunteers to extend knowledge of the vulnerable species.



PROTECTING AND ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY

Intrinsic biodiversity values are protected and enhanced

- Continued monitoring the Idnya (Western Quoll) population on Arkaba Station with a trapping survey
- Continued feral predator camera monitoring programs across the central and northern Flinders Ranges
- Surveyed and delivered on-ground training workshops to collect data and share information about the ecology and range of the Desert Greenhood orchid and Arckaringa Daisy
- Deployed song meters, trained on-Country rangers in monitoring and undertook a thermal survey in the hunt for the Plains Wanderer
- Determined pest activity in the Coongie Lakes Ramsar region through camera monitoring and on-ground track and scat surveys
- Provided aerial control of 779 pigs and 2496 large feral herbivores in the State's Far North and baited for foxes over 2000km² across more than six North Flinders properties

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